

# ZERO BEAT

Our 53rd year

A Publication of the Hampden County Radio Association

September, 1998

## Double the Fun!

Doors open at 7:00 - the meeting starts at 7:30 ....don't be late!

The next meeting of the Hampden County Radio Association will be on **Friday evening, September 11**, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

There's lots going on, so don't be late for this month's meeting. We will have TWO speakers this tonight, so it we'll have a diverse evening to be sure!!

Next month look forward to satellite communication, and in November, the Great Annual Auction.....save those pennies!!

In this issue of ZERO BEAT is an application for membership. Bring it in with you with your dues Friday! (Go on.. get it over with early!)

**SEE IRV OR AN OFFICER FOR INFORMATION ON  
FREE ADMISSSION TO THE BIG E!**

### **DON'T FORGET THE NET!!!**

The HCRA invites all Amateurs and those interested in becoming hams to tune into our weekly nets -

**Monday night, 7:30 p.m. on  
10 meters, 28.375 MHz, +/-  
QRM, and**

**Tuesday nights, 7:30 p.m. on  
2 meters, 147.105 MHz,  
+600kHz.**

*Stop in and say "Hello"!*

### **RADIALS**

The Great New England Air Show will operate from 9 to 5 Saturday and Sunday. Free admission and parking, accessible from exits 5 and 6 off the Mass. Pike.

For security and safety, the following items will not be allowed on the flight line: coolers, bicycles, roller blades and skateboards.

**If you want to participate  
in the Special Event  
Station,**

**Contact Ginette Veilleux,  
N1VHB**

**(n1vhb@n1uro.ampr.org)**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Time certainly goes by fast. The summer season is coming to a close, and I trust all of you enjoyed the warm summer weather. It seems like yesterday we were operating Field Day, which by the way was very successful. The location worked out to be great. We operated as 3 Alpha, and ended with a really good score. The food was great. Kudos to John, KE1BE, our Field Day chef. The camaraderie was even better. A super time was had by all. Again, many thanks to all of you that operated at the stations as well as those of you that set up and helped take them down. Those of you who could not make Field Day this year, we look forward to seeing you there next year.

Our first meeting of the new Club season is upon us, and thanks to Program Director Larry, K1ILZ, we have a great meeting planned with two guest speakers. Yes, you read right, two guest speakers. HCRA is opening the season with a BANG! The enthusiasm is continuing and exciting things are planned for the New Year, such as bringing back the HCRA Annual Auction at the November meeting (start cleaning out your shack and make room for the goodies), and club participation in the January 1999 UHF/VHF contest just to name a few.

With September comes the time to renew Club membership. I urge everyone to renew as soon as possible. Your early renewal will help offset Club financial expenses. HCRA club dues remain at a very low ten dollars a year. (Please take time to fill out the membership renewal form enclosed in the newsletter). ZERO BEAT will continue to be published monthly except for July and August.

**HCRA day at the BIG E is Saturday September 19.** Volunteers are needed to man the Ham Radio booth. Anyone interested, please get in touch with one of the Club Officers or Directors and we will be happy to have you come aboard. By the way, if you volunteer, there will be no charge for admission, and you will have time to check out the fair.

We look forward to seeing you at the September 11 meeting. The monthly raffle will continue with Amateur Radio related prizes as well as the HCRA gourmet coffee and table, plus plenty of time to schmooze and renew friendships.

Please remember your participation is what makes the club grow.

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## Short Takes From the V.P.

Walter Nero, WA1HHN

Welcome back from our Club's 2 month vacation. It's meeting time again and I hope to see as many of you as possible there. I believe that if you look at the fine slate of officers that were elected at the Annual meeting this year you will see many familiar names. We have past Presidents, past Officers, and individuals who served in the management of other radio clubs and other organizations. A fine group who has only the best intentions in mind.

Some modifications were made to the By-laws at the Annual meeting in an effort to correct some problems, streamline the management of the organization and bring us forward to a new era. We also congratulate Don, W1UPH for becoming the new Trustee for the Club call, W1NY. Don is well known to the membership, a truly active member whose regular attendance at meetings and club events is a valuable asset. Thanks Don.

Again this year Irv, W6IS, live, upfront, and in person returns as our President. My hat is off to this gentleman who led the Club out of a dark era to new prosperity. It was no bed of roses, but he has persevered. I hope that you will all lend him your support as I intend to.

We came back this year to a difficult time for Amateur Radio. Yes it's Licensing Restructuring. Please do not sit on your hands for this one. This is the future of Amateur Radio as we know it. There will be more good stuff in the future, but for now, 73's.

Walt WA1HHN

*Editors note: Walt had included new information regarding the proposed licensing structure. However due to some technical difficulties, the information, along with two other pages of ZERO Beat could not be included in this issue. We will try to include information on proposed new licensing in the next issue. N11JK*

### HCRA OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	IRV SLITZKY, W6IS (413) 565-5222 W6ISI@JUNO.COM
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TREASURER	GREG STODDARD, N1AEH
SECRETARY	JIM MULLEN, WA1ZUH

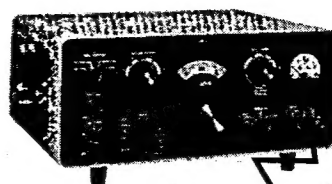
### HCRA DIRECTORS

AT LARGE	AL DRAKE, N1CQT
PROGRAM	LARRY SMITH, K1ILZ
MEMBERSHIP	YORKE PHILLIPS, K1BXE
NEWSLETTER	BARRY MASON, N11JK
TECHNICAL	GEORGE WALSH K1RBS

### 10W1NY STATION TRUSTEE

DON JOHNSON, W1UPH

The Hampden County  
Radio Association's  
auction is back! Bigger  
and better than ever!



# AUCTION

**November 6th !!!**

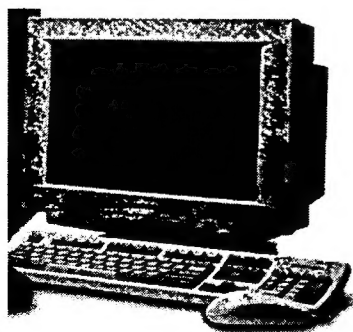
*Turn your old 'stuff' into cash!*



- Set-up at 6:30 PM
- Club meeting at 7:15 PM
- Auction starts at 7:30 PM
- Win an HT in the raffle!
- Coffee & Donuts!
- Lots of bargains!



Contact Irv, W6IS, for further details - 413-565-5222 or [w6is1@juno.com](mailto:w6is1@juno.com)



## Auction held at:

Feeding Hills Congregational Church  
21 North Westfield Street  
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Just North of Dunkin' Donuts at the  
intersection of routes 57 and 159.  
Talk-in on the 147.105 repeater

## AUCTION RULES:

Amateur radio or computer related items only.  
Mark all items with name/call and minimum  
acceptable bid.  
Items without minimum will sell at any price!  
10% of selling price goes to the HCRA.

If it doesn't sell - you bring it home!

## HAMPDEN COUNTY RADIO ASSN.

CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE CLASS: NOVICE \_\_\_\_\_ TECH \_\_\_\_\_ TECH-PLUS \_\_\_\_\_ GENERAL \_\_\_\_\_

ADVANCE \_\_\_\_\_ EXTRA \_\_\_\_\_

~~ENCLOSED:~~  
MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWEL \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES: \$10.00

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: ARRL  
MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE MEMBER ? \_\_\_\_\_

VE: YES ☐ NO ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR VE PROGRAM ? \_\_\_\_\_

MY INTERESTS ARE: HF ☐ UHF ☐ VHF ☐ SATELLITE ☐ REPEATERS ☐ PACKET ☐

OTHER: (Please  
Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

BAND OPERATION: HF ☐ VHF ☐ UHF ☐

**I HAVE INTERESTS IN ASSISTING IN THESE PROGRAMS :**

HAM TRAINING CLASSES ☐ ELMER PROGRAM ☐ CLUB MEETINGS ☐ TECHNICAL ☐

CONTESTING ☐ FIELD DAY: SET UP ☐ TAKE-DOWN ☐ STATION OPERATION ☐

I NEED MORE INFORMATION : ☐

I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SEE YOU THERE!**

In case of inclement weather, listen to Channel 40 or 22, and the 146.940 and 147.105 repeaters.  
Meeting cancellation information will be given out by 6:00 p.m.

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